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YAKUTAT DUNGENESS CRAB FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT COMMERCIAL AND PERSONAL USE SEASONS TO REMAIN CLOSED

Douglas... The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (department) announced today that the commercial and personal use fisheries for Dungeness crab in Registration Area D (Yakutat) will remain closed for the 2013/2014 fishing season. The commercial fishery has been closed since 2000 after being designated as collapsed and recovering by the Alaska Board of Fisheries. A survey of the Yakutat Area Dungeness stock conducted in May 2004 showed no signs of stock recovery. Based on results of this survey, the Yakutat Area sport and personal use Dungeness fisheries were closed in late 2004. The department surveyed the Yakutat Dungeness stock in June 2012, and while survey catches were improved from 2004, the stock has not recovered to a level that will sustain any fishery removals.

The department will survey the Yakutat Area Dungeness stock in June 2013. Results from this survey will be analyzed over the summer. Any change to the status of commercial and personal use fisheries for Dungeness crab in the Yakutat Area will be announced in a subsequent news release.

The Emergency Orders corresponding with this announcement are 1C0800 and 1C1013.

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